



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ARMED SERVICES BLOOD PROGRAM OFFICE
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ASBPO (40-2b)

BPL 02-04
27 November 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Standardized Donor Deferral Lists for Armed Services Blood Donor Centers

1. The Armed Services Blood Program Office (ASBPO) was established by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to coordinate the blood programs of the Military Services and the Unified Commands. In that respect, the ASBPO is updating the standardized donor deferral lists for drugs and medications, immunizations, medical conditions, and malaria/variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) travel risks. This Blood Policy Letter (BPL) supersedes all previous standardized donor deferral lists last published in BPL 01-05, Standardized Drug/Medication List for Military Blood Donor Centers, 14 August 2001 and BPL 01-08, Revised Standardized Medical Conditions and Malaria/vCJD Donor Deferral List for Military Blood Donor Centers, 16 November 2001.
2. The attached documents include four lists to be used for blood donor evaluation at Armed Services blood donor centers (Encls 1-4). The first is a comprehensive drug/medication list including all common medications. The second list identifies the acceptability of immunizations and injections. The third outlines medical conditions that may require evaluation for donation. The fourth list contains current malaria/vCJD travel risks by country. All four lists will be updated on an annual basis, may be updated by the ASBPO as needed to maintain currency, and will be posted to the ASBPO home page, www.tricare.osd.mil/ashpo. Enclosure 5 delineates eastern from western Turkey for malaria deferral. Enclosure 6 delineates northern from southern Korea for malaria deferral. Enclosure 7 lists countries currently associated with risks for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).
3. All changes since the last version of these lists have been shaded to allow for easy identification. Major changes include additional requirements for donor screening and deferral for West Nile Virus (WNV) based on the presence of cold and flu-like symptoms and medications used to treat those symptoms. Additionally, interim DoD donor deferral guidelines for smallpox vaccinations are included. However, these smallpox vaccination deferral guidelines are for DoD use only and are not to be released to civilian blood agencies until official guidance is provided by the FDA.
4. Medications can be cause for deferral either because the drug itself is a risk to the recipient, the medication indicates the donor has an underlying condition which makes the donor a risk to the recipient, or the medication indicates the donor has an underlying condition making it dangerous for them to donate. In the four lists, the terms "Evaluate" or "Medical Director evaluation" mean evaluate donor suitability based on the underlying condition. ***Each Armed Services blood donor center must identify local personnel authorized to perform this evaluation.***

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5. Services will incorporate the enclosed standardized donor deferral lists into local and Service standardized procedures as soon as updates allow, but no later than 27 December 2002. **Service Blood Program Officers and Combatant Command Joint Blood Program Officers** must complete the enclosed form, *Acknowledgment of Receipt and Implementation*, (Encl 8) and return the signed original or fax copy to the ASBPO NLT **27 December 2002**. A copy of all Service policy documents/letters implementing this BPL must also be forwarded to the ASBPO within 30 days of implementation. Any requests for updates to these lists can be forwarded to Commander B. G. Bartley, MSC, USN, ASBPO point of contact for this action. She can be reached at DSN 761-1736/8024, commercial (703) 681-17368024, or via e-mail at brenda.bartley@otsg.amedd.army.mil.

4 Encls
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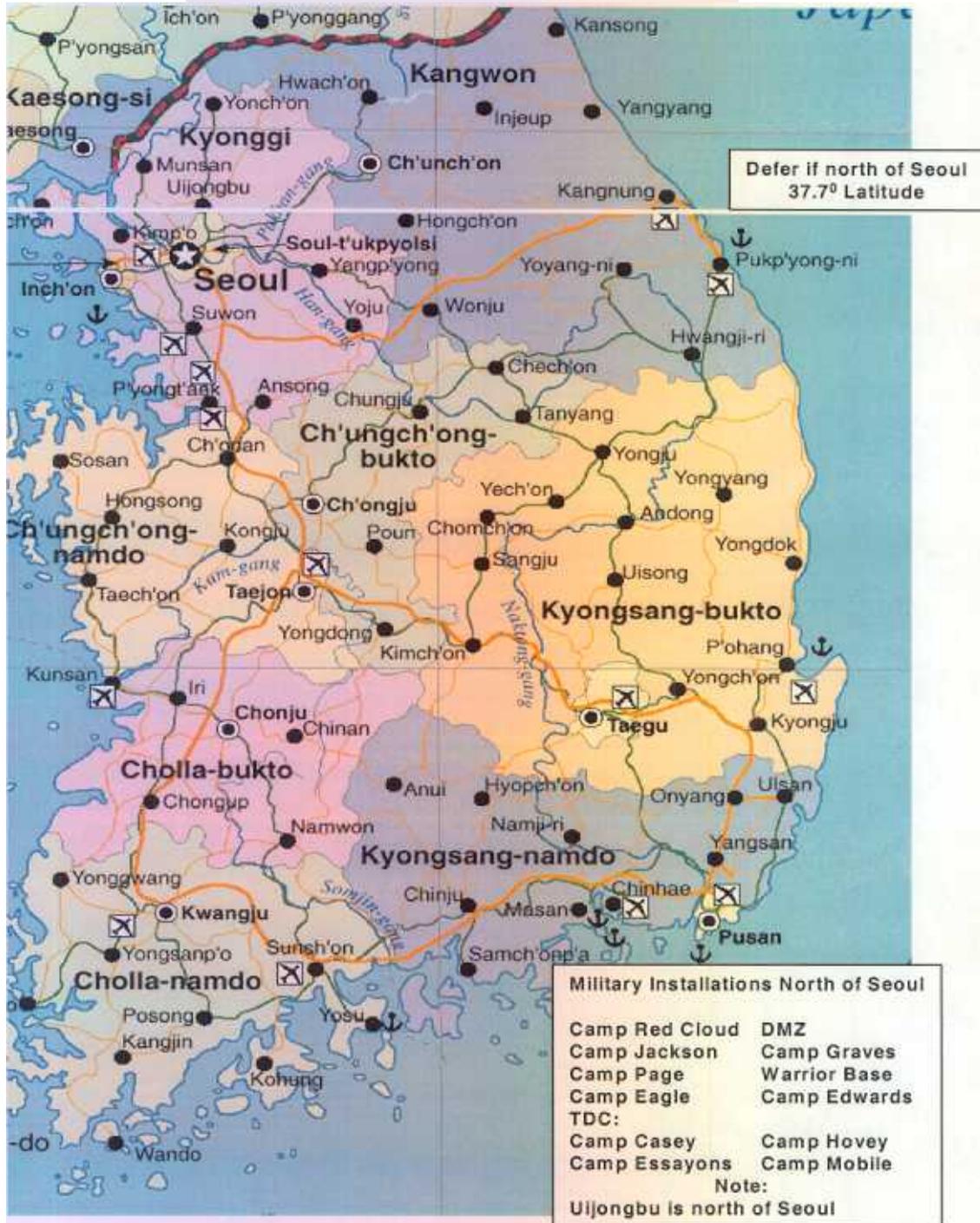
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Malaria Deferral Map - Korea



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*COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED WITH A RISK FOR BSE (CFR 94.18)			
United Kingdom	Eastern Europe	Western Europe	Middle East
***Channel Islands	Albania	Andorra	Oman
England	Bosnia/Herzegovina	Austria	** Turkey
Falkland Islands	Bulgaria	Azores (Portugal)	
***Gibraltar	Croatia	Belgium	
Isle of Man	Czech Republic	Canary Islands (Spain)	
Northern Ireland	Hungary	Denmark	
Scotland	Macedonia	Faroe Island (Denmark)	
Wales	Poland	Finland	
	Romania	France	
	Slovak Republic (Slovakia)	Germany	
	Slovenia	Greece	
	Yugoslavia (Federal Republic includes Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia)	** Greenland	
		Italy (Includes Vatican City)	
		** Iceland	
		Liechtenstein	
		Luxembourg	
		Madeira (Portugal)	
		Monaco	
		Netherlands	
		Norway	
		Portugal	
		Republic of Ireland	
		San Marino	
		Spain	
		Svalbard (Norway)	
		Switzerland	
		Sweden	

Country list (current as of 26 Nov 2002) provided by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA list may be viewed on the internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/NCIE/country.html>
 ** These countries are not on the USDA list but are listed because DoD personnel were stationed in these countries and may have been provided beef from the United Kingdom from 1980 through 1996. Only personnel affiliated with DoD (had access to DoD commissary products) from 1980 through 1996 are affected.*** These territories are not listed as risk areas by the USDA but are referenced in the June 2002 [FDA Guidance to Industry](#).

Enclosure

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Service Blood Program Officers and Combatant Command JBPOs only: Complete this Acknowledgment of Receipt and Implementation and retain one copy in your file. Return the signed original or fax copy to the Armed Services Blood Program Office
NLT 27 December 2002.

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